

'CRAY IGNORES SHANK'S PARADE PROTEST DEMAND

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ility rate increases, and the election merger, adding that "there is feeling the commission is not doing a much for the public as for the utilities."

Gov. McCray answered by reading a prepared statement, in which he pointed out that the commission could be abolished only by the legislature and declared his support for the commission law, for he said the commission's purpose is to be a "perfectly square deal." He assured the personnel of the commission and added that its findings are subject to the review of the courts.

"The appeal of force or numbers," said the governor, "does not mean much to those entrusted with power who desire to do their duty conscientiously and honestly. It is not alone that count in what could be done. In the particular letter at hand, the commissioners are amply able to speak for themselves and I not only ask but urge that you select a committee and let reappear before the commission."

After pointing out that he was unfamiliar with the evidence in the merger case, and that his oath compelled him to suppress disorder, Gov. McCray concluded with this sentence: "I am determined to defend the sovereignty of Indiana and safeguard the authority and jurisdiction of her public officers as contemplated by the constitution and the subsequent acts of the general assembly."

Just before the meeting broke up with the agreement to have a committee visit the commission, the Rev. Father Joseph Weber, a priest of his city, made this statement: "This outpouring shows that the people are disgusted, and that for this demonstration telephone rates in the state should have been increased. We'll go to the court and we will show that the state board is not what it is supposed to be."

Mayor Shank did not join with the crowd that went into the governor's office.

"I am opposed to this merger," said Mayor Shank in his address to a crowd, "because I am in favor of home rule. As mayor of this city, I am going to fight to prevent such an outrage as this. We are doing enough here in Indianapolis to our own affairs. We don't have to go up the state and get a bull merchant to come here and tell us what we shall do, tell us how to run our city."

"Boys, it's a cinch if this merger goes through one of two things will happen. Either the public will pay freight in higher rates for these utilities in a short time, or the fellow who buys the securities will get hung. One of these two things has got to happen when you capitalize a corporation at a lot more than its real value. It is nothing but a plain steal of \$7,000,000 which they are trying to put over."

The mayor declared the crowd had assembled "in any disorderly way" but that its purpose was that we want our rights as citizens." A loud chorus of "Aye" answered the mayor's call for a vote on whether the public service commission should be abolished. He also said that the commission had prepared an order for increased telephone rates, but delayed its issuance because of the protest against the merger. An hour before the mayor led his party to the state house, a crowd of spectators began to gather. Inside the state house, a number of members of the militia under A. H. Whitcomb, captain, were stationed. All the militiamen were in citizen's dress and did not attract attention. Thirty policemen were also scattered about the state house. The parade formed at two widely separated points—at the city hall in the downtown district, and at a bridge in West Indianapolis. The mayor led the crowd from the city hall, a band marching ahead. City employees made a half holiday so that they might join in it.

LEGATES AGREE ON STATUS QUO OF PACIFIC ISLANDS

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no further fortifications or naval bases are to be erected.

As accepted, the provision pledges the powers to maintain in their present status the fortifications of the Philippines, Guam, the Aleutian Islands and various smaller Pacific possessions of the United States; Formosa and other Japanese islands stretching to the north and south of the point of the Japanese group, and the British port of Hong Kong, together with a number of British islands lying to the south.

The Japanese mainland, Japanese Manchuria, British Singapore and the Malayan do not fall under the arbitration.

Aleutian Group Unimportant.

Although at first regarded by the American delegation as a part of the American mainland, for all the purposes of the treaty, the Aleutian group was said to be American naval forces Monday night to have little strategic value in any of the naval plans of the general board. The Japanese, on the other hand, are understood to have taken the position that the archipelago stretching from the Alaskan mainland toward Siberia might become a potential factor in the far eastern situation if it became the site of an American naval base.

Other World Theater Disasters: Petrograd Tops List With Dead

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Agreed to the text of the fortifications article contains authorization for such repair and replacement as may be necessary to keep establishments now existing within the status quo area up to their present standard of efficiency. This stipulation will permit the small marine base in operation at Guam to remain along with the fortifications that have been installed by the Japanese on Formosa. It is declared by conference spokesmen that the language of the provision is broad enough to permit bona fide commercial development of the "status quo" area, even though the commercial establishments installed might be capable of conversion for war uses in case of hostilities.

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Theaters Open Again.

With the exception of five motion picture houses controlled by the corporation which owned the Knickerbocker theaters in the city were open Monday, advertisements in newspapers assuring the public that they had been carefully inspected and declared safe by officials.

Harry Crandall, manager of the Knickerbocker, in announcing that other theaters in the Crandall chain would remain closed until further notice, said this was done, not because any of the theaters were considered unsafe, but because he and his associates did not desire to accept money for amusement while the city was mourning for those who lost their lives in the Knickerbocker.

Foreign Delegates Sympathize.

Officials of three foreign governments, in statements Monday expressed sorrow over the tragedy. They were Baron Shidemura, the Japanese ambassador, M. Sarraut, head of the French delegation to the arms conference, and Minister Brug of Denmark.

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The automatic suspension of the eight players means a somewhat serious blow to Notre Dame athletes. Roger Kiley was captain of the basket ball team, while "Eddie" Anderson was regarded as one of the best guards in the state. He was Indiana all-state guard last year.

MISS FREEDA WILHELMINA EXNER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Exner, 1331 N. Twelfth st., and Alfred F. Tuszus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ausmus, 1332 N. Twelfth st., were married at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in St. John's church by the Rev. P. C. Saffran. The couple were attended by Miss Sadie Exner, a sister of the bride, and by Arthur Ausmus, brother of the groom.

MISS MARY IRON KEEN, daughter of Isaac Keen, E. Howard st., and Daniel Hydron, also of Niles, were married at the Presbyterian manse, Saturday afternoon by the Rev. H. L. Scherer. Mr. and Mrs. Keen will make their home in Niles.

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PROPOSE JURY JUDGE QUESTIONABLE PLAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—A new plan to eliminate or correct questionable plays was announced Monday.

The idea, promulgated by men of prominence in the theatrical industry, is to select a jury of 12 reputable citizens to judge a play that is under criticism and decide by a three-fourth vote whether the play shall be exonerated, condemned or revised.

The vote of this jury will have the backing of powerful interests in the theatrical profession and pressure will be brought to bear upon the manager of the play concerned to follow the jury's verdict.

License Commissioner J. F. Glick declined to comment on the proposals.

ROGERS GLASSES FIT THE EYES

THE CHILD WHO WIELDS HIS ERASER

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ITALIANS CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR GENOA CONFERENCE

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Signor Ricci has instructed the telephone and telegraph administration virtually to re-wire the city completely, in order to give the visiting delegations private telephones in their quarters at the hotels so that they may be in direct communication with their respective governments. Minister of Posts and Telegraphs Gliffrida is arranging for seven supplementary wires to be placed in the conference room of the palace, three of them running direct to London, one to Paris, and one to Berlin, working 25 hours each instrument, which will be capable of handling 60,000 words an hour.

Hope was expressed at the ministry of foreign affairs Monday that the United States will be represented at the conference. It was said to be the feeling in political circles that without American participation the conference would not be a complete success.

The Italian government has not yet named its delegates to Genoa, but prominently mentioned as possibilities are Count Storza, who recently was appointed minister to France and who is a veteran of many supreme council meetings and Sen. Schanzer, who is head of the Italian delegation at the Washington conference.

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It is understood also that a definite decision has been reached to put the "Root submarine resolutions into a separate treaty and it may be ready for submission to Wednesday's plenary session along with the naval treaty. In view of the fact that a new conference is to be assembled in the near future to discuss laws of warfare some delegates have favored delaying treaty action on the submarine question for the present, but the American delegation in particular is said to be anxious that the Root resolutions be written into a formal and binding international covenant.

IRISH GRID STARS CONFESS TO CHARGE

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